



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

219-02

Applicant(s): Schmidt) Group Art Unit: 3739
Serial No.: 09/490,175) Examiner: D. Ruddy
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR QUANTIFYING NERVE AND NEURAL-
MUSCULAR INTEGRITY RELATED TO PELVIC ORGANS OR PELVIC
FLOOR FUNCTIONS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2001 requiring restriction between group 1 (device claims 1-76), and group II (method claims 77-78), as well as election of species within group 1 between five species.

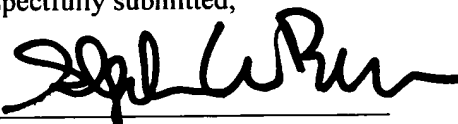
Without acquiescing to the statement made therein, Applicant hereby elects without traverse group II (method claims 77-78). Given this election, it is believed that no further election is required between the species, since the election of species requirement is believed to be limited to the device claims.

A transmittal letter is attached to this response, and a request for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. Please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

In view of the foregoing, prompt consideration and allowance of the elected claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 11, 2001

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